

**City of Bloomington Traffic Commission Minutes
April 22, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall**

Traffic Commission minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning and Transportation Department for reference.

Attendance

Traffic Commission: James Batcho, Andrew Cibor, Ryan Cobine, Judi Maki, Abigail Pietsch, Sarah Ryterband, and Joe VanDeventer

Others in Attendance: Daniel McMullen, Nate Nickel (Staff), and Scott Robinson (Staff).

- I. Call to Order (~5:30 PM)**
- II. Approval of Minutes** – February 25, 2015 (Mr. Cobine motioned, and Mr. VanDeventer seconded, to approve the minutes. The motion passed 7-0).
- III. Communications from Commission** - none
- IV. Public Comment** - Mr. McMullan shared his comments regarding his concerns over the MPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan that supports bicycle lanes, bicycle amenities, and promotes alternative modes of transportation. He supports transportation options, but all should be equal and not favor one over the other.
- V. Reports from Staff**
 - A.** Andrew Cibor, the new Transportation & Traffic Engineer, and new Commissioner Abigail Pietsch were introduced.
- VI. Old Business**
 - A. W. 10th Street and N. Monroe Street – design alternatives:** The Commission revisited the speed concerns expressed for this intersection. There was consensus that potential opportunities exist to address this intersection through narrowing or other treatments, but fiscal constraints will be a reality as well. Staff will continue to research options and report back on them at a future meeting.
 - B. E. 3rd Street and S. Union Street/S. Rose Avenue – temporary left-turn restrictions:** The Commission agreed that congestion is an issue at these locations. However, no realistic temporary measures are currently practical. As a result, no further action on this issue will be pursued at this time.

- C. Crosswalk Marking Guidance** - The Commission felt that the City of Boulder, Colorado example provided by staff was a great template to follow in developing guidelines. Further efforts regarding education, especially with new residents and Indiana University students, will be important as well. More research and discussion to develop specific guidance will be needed.

VII. New Business – none

VIII. Traffic Inquiries

- A. N. Rogers Street – add school speed zone between W. 7th and W. 8th Streets:** The consensus of the Commission was that this was an important issue to address. More information is needed to make sure all adjacent streets (not just Rogers) that receive walking traffic to Fairview Elementary School are included in any future school speed zone. Staff will talk with MCCSC personnel to learn more about walking patterns. This issue will be considered again at a future meeting.
- B. S. Morton Street - allow additional on-street parking and convert to a one-way street between W. Dodds Street and W. Grimes Lane:** There were concerns about a one-way configuration creating problems for public safety response times and diverting traffic to other locations instead; on-street parking could reduce visibility for drivers as well. Exploring shared parking concepts on existing lots would be more appropriate instead. As a result, no further action on this issue will be pursued at this time.

Mr. Cibor asked that staff research three topics for future Traffic Commission discussion. These include: eliminating the late night flashing yellow/red traffic signal configuration, adding flashing yellow arrow left-turn traffic signals, and further clarifying B-Line Trail user/vehicle rights-of-way at trail crossings with streets.

IX. Adjournment (~6:35 PM)

Next meeting – May 27, 2015